GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:183
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2007
SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES FOR DOG BITES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of medicines for dog bites in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 183 FOR 28TH NOVEMBER, 2007

There is no shortage of Anti Rabies Serum (ARS) and Tissue Culture Anti Rabies Vaccine (TCARV) required for the treatment of dog bites.

The production capacity of the institutions manufacturing these vaccines within India is sufficient to meet the requirement in the country. The State Governments can obtain the vaccines by placing advance supply orders with the institutions manufacturing these vaccines.